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Meeting of Guatemalan Group
Friday, June 10, 1954

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Present: Holland, Atwood, Burrows, Jamison, Col. Clark, Pauley, Sanders, Wieland, Herron, Warren, Dreier, Pearson, Leddy, Holcomb

1. Draft Resolution

(a) Argentine Attitude - Holland decided to call Donnelly at Rio and Rufer at Buenos Aires in order to make arrangements for Donnelly to visit BA in an effort to persuade Perón to agree to the draft resolution.

(b) It was agreed to give Senator Wiley a copy of the draft resolution as he had requested and to emphasize the importance of keeping it confidential.

(c) Notes from Secretary Dulles to Foreign Ministers

(1) Dreier was to see that a cable was sent today to our Embassies in the four countries who have agreed to the latest version of the draft resolution. The cable was to contain the note to the Foreign Minister from Secretary Dulles. Our Ambassadors were to ask for agreement immediately and a reply in writing within the next two days. Appropriate versions were to be made for certain countries, for example, Venezuela would not be asked to co-sponsor the resolution but would be asked to agree not to change the resolution without the unanimous agreement of the co-sponsoring group.

(2) Dreier was to send similar cables to our Embassies in all of the other countries which had agreed to the previous text of the draft resolution, which would have an additional paragraph for the purpose of eliciting agreement to the draft resolution. In the event that the country had agreed to the draft resolution before our Ambassador made an approach to the Foreign Office, this paragraph would be omitted.

2. Meeting Site

After considerable discussion on the merits of retaining Montevideo as the site of the meeting as against the possibilities of Bogotá or the U.S., the following decision was reached: Holland agreed to talk with Muniz at 2:30 today and to tell him of our deep concern about the effect of Montevideo as the site of the meeting on the number of votes we may get on the draft resolution. He was to indicate that in our judgment we would get more votes for the resolution if the meeting were held in the U.S. He was then to ask the Ambassador what he thought about this and about checking the views of the LA diplomatic corps. After Holland's talk with Muniz, we would decide about our approach to the Uruguayans.

3. Overtures to the Western European Maritime Countries

The group had nothing to report to Holland on this item.

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b. Honduran Situation

There was some discussion of the possible difficulties which might arise very soon from the fact that apparently armed groups in Honduras may be moving against Guatemala, or Guatemala may be moving against these armed groups within Honduras. Pauley reported that Holland had agreed that if Guatemala attacked Honduras, we would come to her defense and, at the same time, ask Venezuela and Colombia to join us. No additional action was decided by the group.

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